

Infant Mortality and Child Health Task Force Spring Report 2015

Phase II

“Every child should live in a healthy environment.”

With this statement, the task force is committed to identifying areas of influence for the promotion of child health throughout the state of Indiana.

- Acknowledge and educate what a healthy environment entails
- Identify indicators for and barriers to a healthy environment
- Determine appropriate policies and programs to further development of healthy environment

Foundation Statements

- 1) Every child should experience a drug free home.
 - a. Tobacco
 - b. Alcohol
 - c. Illicit substances
- 2) Every child should have access to mental health services.
- 3) Every family should be aware of evidence based approaches to injury prevention.
- 4) Every policy for children is a policy for adults. Every policy regarding adults has consequences for children.
- 5) Decreasing childhood morbidity and mortality is sustained with the most impact through promotion of health through primary prevention.

Potential work spaces

- Education initiatives for positive parenting.
- Mental health and primary care co-location
- Improving access to quality care
- Promote psychiatry as a primary care medical specialty
- Identify risk indicators with geospatial analysis and infuse resources for health promotion into those areas
- Health Impact Assessments for policy analysis
- Partnership with population health initiatives in hospital systems and other private sector groups
- Protective factors to promote child health: child care, transportation, health care access, housing, employment

Resources:

Child health definition:

Children's health is the extent to which individual children or groups of children are able or enabled to (a) develop and realize their potential, (b) satisfy their needs, and

(c) develop the capacities that allow them to interact successfully with their biological, physical, and social environments.

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